

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 20, 2008 was received and carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the currently pending rejections are requested for the reasons advanced in detail below.

Claims 1-5, 7-15 and 21-37 were pending prior to the instant amendment. By this amendment, claims 1, 3 and 7 are amended and claims 21-37 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Consequently, claims 1-5 and 7-15 are currently pending in the instant application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated claims 1-5 and 7-15 as allowed. The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter. Further, claim 1 is objected to because of informalities. In response, Applicants have amended claim 1 as shown above to overcome the objection. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be removed.

Additionally, claims 21-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,566,807 to Fujita et al. (Fujita) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,380,346 to Han (Han). However, Applicants have canceled claims 21-37 as indicated above thereby making the 103 rejection moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the 103 rejection of Fujita in view of Han be withdrawn.

Each of the dependent claims depend from allowed independent claim 1 and are patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as set forth above with respect to allowed claim 1.

In addition, each of the dependent claims also recite combinations that are separately patentable.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants therefore request the entry of this response, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

In discussing the specification, claims, and drawings in this response, it is to be understood that Applicants in no way intend to limit the scope of the claims to any exemplary embodiments described in the specification and/or shown in the drawings. Rather, Applicants are entitled to have the claims interpreted broadly, to the maximum extent permitted by statute, regulation, and applicable case law.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite issuance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned agent at (202) 585-8100.

Respectfully submitted,

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